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Raised Bill No. 5438

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTION AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND
TEACHER PREPARATION COURSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 6 of public act 03-211, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
5 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
6 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
7 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
8 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
9 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)
10 of section 21a-240, as amended, and alcohol to health and personality
11 development, and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health
12 and mental health risk reduction education which includes, but need
13 not be limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children
14 and the relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy,

15 sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as
 16 defined in section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3)
 17 the growth and development of exceptional children, including
 18 handicapped and gifted and talented children and children who may
 19 require special education, including, but not limited to, children with
 20 attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and
 21 methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with
 22 special needs children in a regular classroom, (4) school violence
 23 prevention and conflict resolution, (5) cardiopulmonary resuscitation
 24 and other emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer and other
 25 information technology as applied to student learning and classroom
 26 instruction, communications and data management, [and] (7) the
 27 teaching of the language arts, reading and reading readiness for
 28 teachers in grades kindergarten to three, inclusive, and (8) second
 29 language acquisition in districts where English as a second language
 30 learners are enrolled. The State Board of Education, within available
 31 appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall assist and
 32 encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (A)
 33 Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the historical events
 34 surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American
 35 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)
 36 personal financial management; and (G) topics approved by the state
 37 board upon the request of local or regional boards of education as part
 38 of in-service training programs pursuant to this subsection.

39 Sec. 2. Section 10-145a of the general statutes is amended by adding
 40 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

41 (NEW) (f) On and after July 1, 2006, any candidate in a program of
 42 teacher preparation leading to professional certification shall complete,
 43 within the existing framework of instruction as of June 30, 2003,
 44 introductory coursework instruction on the characteristics of second
 45 language learners and second language acquisition.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To require persons seeking professional educator certification to complete coursework in English as a second language instruction.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]